

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

United Food and Commercial Workers  
Union, Local No. 663, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 19-cv-2660 (JNE/TNL)  
ORDER

United States Department of Agriculture,

Defendant.

The Court is scheduled to hear the parties' cross-motions for summary judgment and Defendant's motion for a voluntary remand on October 13, 2020. The attorneys general of Minnesota, California, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, and Virginia have moved for leave to file an amicus brief in support of Plaintiffs' motion. The North American Meat Institute and the National Pork Producers Council have moved for leave to file a brief in support of the USDA's motion. These motions are unopposed.

A district court has discretion to decide whether to allow the filing of an amicus brief. *See Jin v. Ministry of State Sec.*, 557 F. Supp. 2d 131, 136 (D.D.C. 2008). The rule governing amicus filings in the federal courts of appeals is helpful in this context. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 29. After considering that standard, both motions [ECF Nos. 83, 102] are GRANTED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 22, 2020

s/ Joan N. Ericksen  
JOAN N. ERICKSEN  
United States District Judge